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CONTACTED [ ] NIGHT 20 JUNE AND RECEIVED FOLLOWING INFO;

1. FIRST AND SECOND COMPANIES OF GUARDIA DEL HONOR DEPARTED NIGHT 19 JUNE IN DIRECTION ZACAPA. WERE ACCOMPANIED BY 81 MM MORTAR AND 50 CALIBRE MACHINE GUN UNITS FROM BASE MILITAR. ALL FIELD UNITS NOW UNDER COMMAND COLONEL JUAN BOLANOS.

2. VILLANOVA, RELATIVE WIFE OF ARBENZ CAME TO SEE [ ] IN NAME ARBENZ WITH OFFER UNLIMITED FUNDS FOR FUTURE [ ] PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN [ ] I WOULD TRY CONVINCE [ ] TO ISSUE PRO ARBENZ GOVT SPEECH OR SHOW SYMPATHY IN OTHER MANNER.

[ ] DO NOT REMOVE [ ] REUSED THEREUPON OFFERED PLANE FLY HIM [ ] TO CONSULT WITH [ ] ALSO TOLD THAT ARBENZ REGIME WILLING GIVE [ ] ANYTHING HE WANTED IF HE WOULD SHOW FRIENDSHIP.

3. [ ] TOLD BY TORIELLO AND VILLANOVA THAT MEXICO GIVING WSBURNT GOVT P-38 FIGHTER PLANE.

4. FOLLOWING OFFICERS NOW IN [ ] EMBASSY; COLONEL LUIS URRUTIA DE LEON, DICK HERRERA, MAJOR POSADAS. ALL PILOTS.

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THEY SAY ANOTHER PILOT IN JBHOPEFUL EMBASSY AND STILL ANOTHER GOING TO MAKE ATTEMPT FLEE WITH PLANE ON 21 JUNE. THEY TOLD

[ ] 90 PERCENT AIR CORPS BITTERLY ANTI ARBENZ.

5. AT REQUEST ARBENZ, [ ] PERMITTED MAJOR LARUTIA (PHONETIC), SUBSECRETARY OF PRESIDENCY, VISIT AFOREMENTIONED OFFICERS IN

[ ] EMBASSY. WAS THERE WHEN BANNISTER ARRIVED. HE ATTEMPTING PERSUADE THEM CALLIGERIS FORCES WILL BE DECISIVELY DEFEATED 21 JUNE "WHEN ARMY FORCE OF THOUSAND MEN WILL MOW THEM DOWN".

6. QUOTED STATEMENT ABOVE REPEATED TO [ ] BY TORIELLO TODAY. TORIELLO AND LARUTIA STATED ARMY NO LONGER FEARS PLANES WHICH SHOWED COMPLETE INABILITY DO DAMAGE TO EXTENT THAT EVEN UNABLE HARM SITTING PLANES. VILLANOVA ALSO SHARED VIEWS EXPRESSED BY OTHERS QUOTED ABOVE. ALL AGREED CALLIGERIS FORCES WILL BE MOWED DOWN TOMORROW.

7. WITHOUT ME ASKING, [ ] STATED HE INTERESTED IN ACTIVITIES [ ] WHO APPARENTLY PLAYING CAGEY GAME AND MAYBE WAITING OPPORTUNITY LEAD MOVEMENT WITH IN ARMY AGAINST ARBENZ; THIS APPARENTLY BELIEF URRUTIA AND OTHERS WHO THINK [ ] ONLY WAITING OPPORTUNITY.

8. AVIATORS CONVINCED PLANES CAN WRECK HAVOC BUT ARMY MORALE HIGH IN BELIEF SUCH NOT CASE. ALL EXPRESSED CONVICTION CALLIGERIS CAUSE LOST IF AVIATION NOT USED TO FULLEST SOONEST. ALL BELIEVE IMPERATIVE CALLIGERIS AVIATION STRAFE TROOPS AND BOMB MILITARY INSTALLATIONS RELENTLESSLY WITH VIEW DESTROY MORALE ARMY WHICH BOOSTED BY WHAT ARMY CONSIDERS INABILITY AVIATION DO ANYTHING EXCEPT ACROBATICS.

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9. THOUGH [ ] CONSIDER ARBENZ, GOVT AND  
ARMY HOMELESSLY BEFUDDLED WITH RESPECT TO AVIATION POTENTIALITIES,  
THEY WORRIED BY LACK DECISIVE USE AVIATION AND RESULTANT PAISE IN ARMY  
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